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House Republicans Kill Radical Balloon Bill

STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX – House Majority Leader Warren Petersen (R-12) today applauded House Republicans for killing <u>HB 2664</u>.

If enacted, HB 2664 would have prohibited the releasing of balloons into the air, as well as mandating expensive warning label requirements for manufactures to affix to balloons prior to sale.

"With committee work over, it's all but certain that this radical 'balloon bill' will not advance," said Representative Petersen. "I'm proud that my Republican colleagues killed a bill with such expansive overreach into people's lives. Not even 5-year-olds at a birthday party would be safe from such an extreme bill, which would carry a penalty up to \$500. This model legislation put forth by my Democratic colleagues is a model of what shouldn't be introduced in the Arizona Legislature."

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